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TO AMEMBASSY ATHENS IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: TENNECO SEVEN

REF: ADDIS 6015 (NOTAL)

PASS CLYDE WILSON

1. N.W. FREEMAN, CHAIRMAN OF BOARD, TENNECO CORP., AND MR. BURGHER OF TENNECO ARRIVING ATHENS BETWEEN 1500-1700 HOURS ATHENS TIME MAY 31 VIA TENNECO PRIVATE PLANE. FREEMAN REQUESTS WILSON MEET HIM IN ATHENS UNLESS NEGOTIATIONS PRECLUDE LEAVING ETHIOPIA. WILSON SHOULD BE IN ATHENS BY FREEMAN'S ETA AND CONTACT HIM VIA EMBASSY.

FOR ATHENS:

2. TENNECO IS U.S. CORPORATION CURRENTLY EXPLORING FOR OIL IN ETHIOPIA. FIVE TENNECO AND RELATED PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN HELD BY INSURGENT ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT (ELF) SINCE LAST MARCH. WITH FULL SUPPORT AND
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ASSISTANCE OF USG, TENNECO HAS BEEN NEGOTIATING FOR

RELEASE OF "TENNECO FIVE" SINCE THEIR CAPTURE.
RECENT ELF CAPTURE OF AMERICAN MISSIONARY NURSE AND
TENNECO-CHARTERED HELICOPTER PILOT HAVE MADE FREEMAN

DETERMINED TO MOVE CLOSER TO "ACTION."

3. REQUEST EMBASSY GIVE ALL SUPPORT POSSIBLE TO
FREEMAN, INCLUDING USE OF COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES,
IN ORDER SPEED POSSIBLE RELEASE OF CAPTIVES HELD
BY ELF.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY RESERVING ONE BEDROOM
SUITE AT ATHENS HILTON FOR FREEMAN FOR UNDETERMINED
PERIOD. ST. GIORGHIS IS SECOND CHOICE. BROWN

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